

HOUSE RESOLUTION 215
By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to honor, support, and thank the soldiers
Tennessee Army National Guard Battery B (-),
2nd Battalion, 115th Field Artillery Brigade.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the heroic deeds of Tennessee's volunteers in early militia bodies and Guard units have been extolled throughout the history of our State and Nation; thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army National Guard today; and

WHEREAS, these individuals selflessly serve with courage and gallantry and deserve to be recognized for heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; the soldiers of Battery B (-), 2nd Battalion, 115th Field Artillery Brigade from Savannah are fine examples of these brave warriors who are deserving of our deepest admiration and thanks; and

WHEREAS, they will be mobilized on January 28, 2004, and will undoubtedly reinforce this State's reputation for bravery and as they become the first Hardin County unit to be deployed, and their service in Europe and Hawaii during the next one to two years will surpass all expectations; and

WHEREAS, these intrepid men and women from Tennessee, who will serve as provisional Military Police, are unselfishly paying the price of freedom for their friends, families, and all of us as they sacrifice their time, safety, and personal desires; and

WHEREAS, these students, laborers, correction officers, salesmen, and pastors will enter the fray on our behalf, boldly and without hesitation or complaint, just as they have left behind the enduring warmth of family and home; and

WHEREAS, we extend our most heartfelt support and empathy to the families of our servicemen and servicewomen; we stand in solidarity with them, offering space in our hearts and moments in our days to remember their loved ones serving so far from home; and

WHEREAS, though we cannot adequately express our appreciation to the courageous men and women of our Armed Forces who are fighting to preserve the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor them to the full extent of our ability, as they make untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we express our stalwart support for and express our deepest pride in the members of Battery B (-), 2nd Battalion, 115th Field Artillery Brigade of the Tennessee Army National Guard as they serve and defend this State, our Nation, and the world as a whole, extend to them our sincere hopes for a swift and peaceful tour filled with honor, and offer our fervent prayers for the safe return of our soldiers to their homes and families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.